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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. No new matter has been added by way of

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the present amendment. The currently amended Claim 7 is supported by the originally filed

Claim 7 and the specification, for instance, see page 10, lines 8-20. The currently amended

Claim 9 is amended to further depend on a new Claim 12. New Claim 12 is supported by the

present specification, for instance, see page 10, lines 8-20. The amended claims clarify that the

solvent can be a single solvent or a mixture of solvents, as described at page 10, lines 8-20 of the

specification. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action

on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present

application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. (Reg. No.

28,977) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort

to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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